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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: Press and Radio Coverage of Senate Action
on the Mansfield Resolution

1. This memorandum is for information only.
2. The attached editorials and one radio comment concerning the recent Senate action on the Mansfield Resolution which were furnished at our request by Col. Grogan have been analyzed to determine whether such comment was in favor of or opposed to the Senate action. Our analysis shows that out of a total of 75 items 46 are favorable and 29 are unfavorable, or in other words nearly 2 to 1 are in support of the decision.
3. The wide interest in this subject is shown by the fact that these items appeared in 34 states and the District of Columbia. Extracts from some of the favorable comments appear in Tab A.

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Enclosures:
Tabs A, B, C & D

cc: Inspector General ✓
Col. Grogan

It occurs to me that you may wish to mention the result of this tabulation to some of your good friends on "the hill", especially in view of the popular notion that the Press was generally in support of the Mansfield Resolution.

/s/FGW

TAB A

Extracts from Favorable Editorials

PHILADELPHIA NEWS

The CIA must function in secrecy.----- We hope the Eisenhower Administration wins out in its fight to keep the secret operations of CIA secret.

SHREVEPORT TIMES

A Congressional Watchdog Committee would either have to have fairly full knowledge of CIA's operations or no knowledge at all - and in the latter case there would be no reason for the Committee.

SPRINGFIELD (Mass.) UNION

This important agency should remain the charge of the executive. A change possibly, if not probably would weaken its effectiveness and prove a peril to our system of national security.

BUFFALO COURIER EXPRESS

The issue seems to us to be not how much secrecy a democracy can survive but how much it can afford to surrender with current world tensions as critical as they are.

LOUISVILLE TIMES

It seems to us that the country simply has to put its faith in the intelligence and integrity of the CIA. There is no feasible alternative.

NEW ORLEANS TIMES-PICAYUNE

It was commendable that the Senate, by so heavy a vote as 59 to 17, refused in the case of Central Intelligence Agency "reform" to go along any further with the combined manias of multiplying congressional committees, nosiness, goldfish bowl treatment of national security, an encroachment on legitimate necessary and traditional functions of the executive branch.

PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER

As it is, the CIA is accountable to four small subcommittees of Congress, and to the President. The Senate has wisely voted against setting up a broader watchdog committee. We don't like secrecy in Government, but if we recognize the need to gather intelligence in a dangerous world, we must also recognize that secrecy is an essential part of the job.

TAB B

Favorable Press and Radio Coverage of Senate Action on the
Hansfield Resolution

PHILADELPHIA NEWS
TULSA WORLD
SHEWEEPOOK TIMES
SPRINGFIELD (MASS.) UNION
BUFFALO COURIER EXPRESS
WAL (Richard Hancell)
WATERTOWN (N.Y.) TIMES
MORGANTOWN (W.VA.) POST
MINNEAPOLIS STAR
NEBO GAZETTE
ROCHESTER (N.Y.) TIMES-UNION
STEUBENVILLE (OHIO) HERALD-STAR
BOSTON TRAVELLER
PORTSMOUTH (OHIO) TIMES
JOHNSTOWN (PA.) TRIBUNE-DEMOCRAT
EAST LIVERPOOL (OHIO) REVIEW
JACKSONVILLE FLORIDA TIMES-UNION
NEWARK (N.J.) NEWS
LOUISVILLE TIMES
BRADFORD (VT.) TIMES
DANEE (VT.) TIMES
CANTON (OHIO) REPUBLICAN
KNOXVILLE JOURNAL
SYRACUSE HERALD JOURNAL
MEMPHIS COMMERCIAL APPEAL
KANSAS CITY STAR
AUBURN (N.Y.) CITIZEN-ADVERTISER
WORCESTER (MASS.) TELEGRAM
ALBANY (N.Y.) ENVOY-RECORD
HARTFORD TIMES
HARTFORD COURANT
DURHAM (N.C.) HERALD
CORPUS CHRISTI CALLER
SIOUX CITY JOURNAL-TRIBUNE
STAMFORD ADVOCATE
SYRACUSE POST-STANDARD
LINCOLN (NEB.) JOURNAL
NEW ORLEANS TIMES-PICAYUNE
SALT LAKE CITY TRIBUNE
TOLEDO BLADE
PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER
CHICAGO NEWS
SALISBURY (Vt.) TIMES
SAN DIEGO UNION
PHOENIX REPUBLIC
LOUISVILLE COURIER JOURNAL

Total - 46

TAB C

Unfavorable Press and Radio Coverage of Senate Action on the
 Mansfield Resolution

OMAHA WORLD-HERALD
ELMIRA (N.Y.) STAR-GAZETTE
CHATTANOOGA NEWS-FREE PRESS
MEMO GAZETTE
CODEN (UTAH) STANDARD EXAMINER
ROME (N.Y.) SENTINEL
MANCHESTER (N.H.) UNION LEADER
NEW YORK TIMES
EL PASO TIMES
SCRANTON TRIBUNE
AUGUSTA (GA.) CHRONICLE
LANSING (MICH.) STATE JOURNAL
KNOXVILLE NEWS-SENTINEL
NEW ORLEANS STATES
NEW YORK WORLD-TELEGRAM AND SUN
ROCKFORD (ILL.) STAR
BOSTON HERALD
PORTLAND (ME.) PRESS-HERALD TELEGRAM
TAMPA TIMES
RIVERSIDE (CAL.) ENTERPRISE
BILOXI HERALD
NASHVILLE TENNESSEAN
BUTTE MONTANA STANDARD
WINSTON-SALEM TWIN CITY SENTINEL
PROVIDENCE JOURNAL
PHILADELPHIA BULLETIN
RICHMOND NEWS LEADER
SAN FRANCISCO CHRONICLE

TOTAL - 29

TAB D

Geographical Breakdown of Press and Radio Comment on Senate
Action on Mansfield Resolution

| <u>State</u> | <u>In Favor</u> | <u>Oppose</u> |
|----------------------|-----------------|---------------|
| Arizona | 1 | |
| California | 1 | 2 |
| Connecticut | 3 | |
| District of Columbia | 1 | |
| Florida | 1 | 1 |
| Georgia | | 1 |
| Illinois | 1 | 1 |
| Iowa | 1 | |
| Kentucky | 2 | |
| Louisiana | 2 | 1 |
| Maine | | 1 |
| Maryland | 1 | |
| Massachusetts | 3 | 1 |
| Michigan | | 1 |
| Minnesota | 1 | 1 |
| Mississippi | | 1 |
| Missouri | 1 | |
| Montana | | 1 |
| Nebraska | 1 | 1 |
| North Carolina | 1 | 1 |
| Nevada | 1 | 1 |
| New Jersey | 1 | |
| New York | 7 | 4 |
| New Hampshire | | 1 |
| Ohio | 5 | |
| Oklahoma | 1 | |
| Pennsylvania | 3 | 2 |
| Rhode Island | | 1 |
| Tennessee | 2 | 3 |
| Texas | 2 | 1 |
| Utah | 1 | 1 |
| Virginia | | 1 |
| Vermont | 1 | |
| West Virginia | 1 | |

Total - States and District of Columbia - 34

In Favor - 46

Opposed - 28